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The Perez Story

Perez received a letter last night from [] Referring back to the original Perez teletype, we interpret the current letter as saying that the case of rifles, ammunition and unassembled artillery pieces the Guatemalan Army buried to implicate UF Co will be "discovered" between 8 and 11 June. [] you will remember as the Guatemalan Army [] officer who was Perez's original informant. [] claims to have written from Bananera, the UF Co finca where Perez was Agricultural Superintendent. He also apparently claims [] [] which will discover the Army-planted Arms cache in UF Co packing cases.

Perez is still in New Orleans. He claims that [] gave the letter to Mrs. Perez, who has remained in Guatemala. Mrs. Perez gave one copy to an unidentified UF Co man in Guatemala, and entrusted a second copy to a friend who was flying to New Orleans. It was this second copy the friend delivered to Perez last night.

The same friend, quoting Mrs. Perez, said that Guatemalan police have visited Bananera twice within the last few days looking for Perez.

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May 29, 1954

Dear Friend:

As we had arranged earlier in our conversations, I will be there (Bananera) on 3 June with my stewards to make arrangements for the distribution of the cases of whiskey and champagne so that the stewards will be well trained for the party that will take place between the 8th and 11th per our previous conversation.

Since I was elected for such an event I will let you know in plenty of time and while I (do not?) have the pleasure of seeing you, I remain sincerely your friend.

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